

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST) CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF) REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF)	ORDER APPROVING REVISED TARIFF PAGES TC00-172
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On October 17, 2000, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Access Service Tariff. The purpose of the filing is to revise language in the intrastate Switched Access Tariff to be consistent with the changes to the Interstate Switched Access Tariff, related to direct-trunk and tandem-switched routed traffic as a result of the FCC's 1996 Access Reform local transport restructure. As a result of that restructure, interexchange carriers are required to purchase direct-trunk transport between the service wire center and the access tandem, removing the option to purchase either tandem-switched transport or direct-trunk transport between these two points. When interstate and intrastate traffic is routed over the same facility, the changes made to interstate switched access also apply to intrastate switched access. The revised language changes provide consistency between the state and federal switched access services for direct-trunk and tandem-switched traffic.

On October 19, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 3, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

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At its duly noticed meeting on November 30, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the filing.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above revisions to the Access Service Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to the Access Service Tariff, effective as of the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of December, 2000.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner